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Dr. Stokes:

I am writing in response to your organization's request for public comments regarding the Workshop Report and Guidance document concerning in vitro methods as opposed to animal research methods to determine systemic toxicity of chemicals.

I strongly encourage the use of these in vitro cell cultures for testing, and ask that you begin efforts to completely replace lethal dose testing with in vitro methods.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Erin Stephens